

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/695,598

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/03/06 (supplemental amendment) and an interview conducted on 04/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 7-13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                                  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>04/13/06</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                         |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a communication with Ms. Sarah E. Smith (Reg. No. 50,488) on 04/13/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification:

Page 6, line 26, "center component 64 is tubular in shape (as shown in cut-away sectional view)" has been changed to --center component 64 is tubular in shape--.

In the claims:

Claim 6 has been cancelled.

### *Reasons for Allowance*

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable because prior art fails to teach that the tool device is mounted on a tool base that is detachably mounted to the top surface of the table by releasable securing means, as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding claim 1, Stoll (4,939,869) teaches an attachment assembly for mounting to a conventional bench saw including a frame, a work supporting table on the frame displaying an opening therethrough and a pair of longitudinal grooves on a top face thereof. Stoll also teaches a movable structure mounted to the frame and carrying a power-operated shaft and

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means on the frame for causing vertical displacement of the shaft relative to the table. Stoll also teaches a tool base detachably mounted to the top face of the table. Stoll also teaches a tool device including a tool shaft and transmission means operatively connecting the tool shaft to the power-operated shaft. Stoll in view of Wiley (4,516,612) teaches a pair of longitudinal grooves in the top surface of the table and releasable securing means fixed in a pair of grooves connect to tool base for mounting the base to the table. However, Stoll in view of Wiley fails to teach that the tool device is mounted on the tool base that is detachably mounted to the top surface of the table by releasable securing means as set forth in claim 1.

None of these references by themselves or in combination with the other prior art cited teach the claimed invention set forth in claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

*Comment*

3. In view of the amendment to claim 1 and cancellation of claim 6, rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) are withdrawn.

Originally drawings (Figs. 1-13) have been accepted due to the cancellation of claim 6. However, amended Figs. 3 and 4 submitted on 12/27/05 introduce new matter. Therefore, amended Figs. 3 and 4 submitted on 12/27/05 have not been entered.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ghassem Alie whose telephone number is (571) 272-4501. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap can be reached on (571) 272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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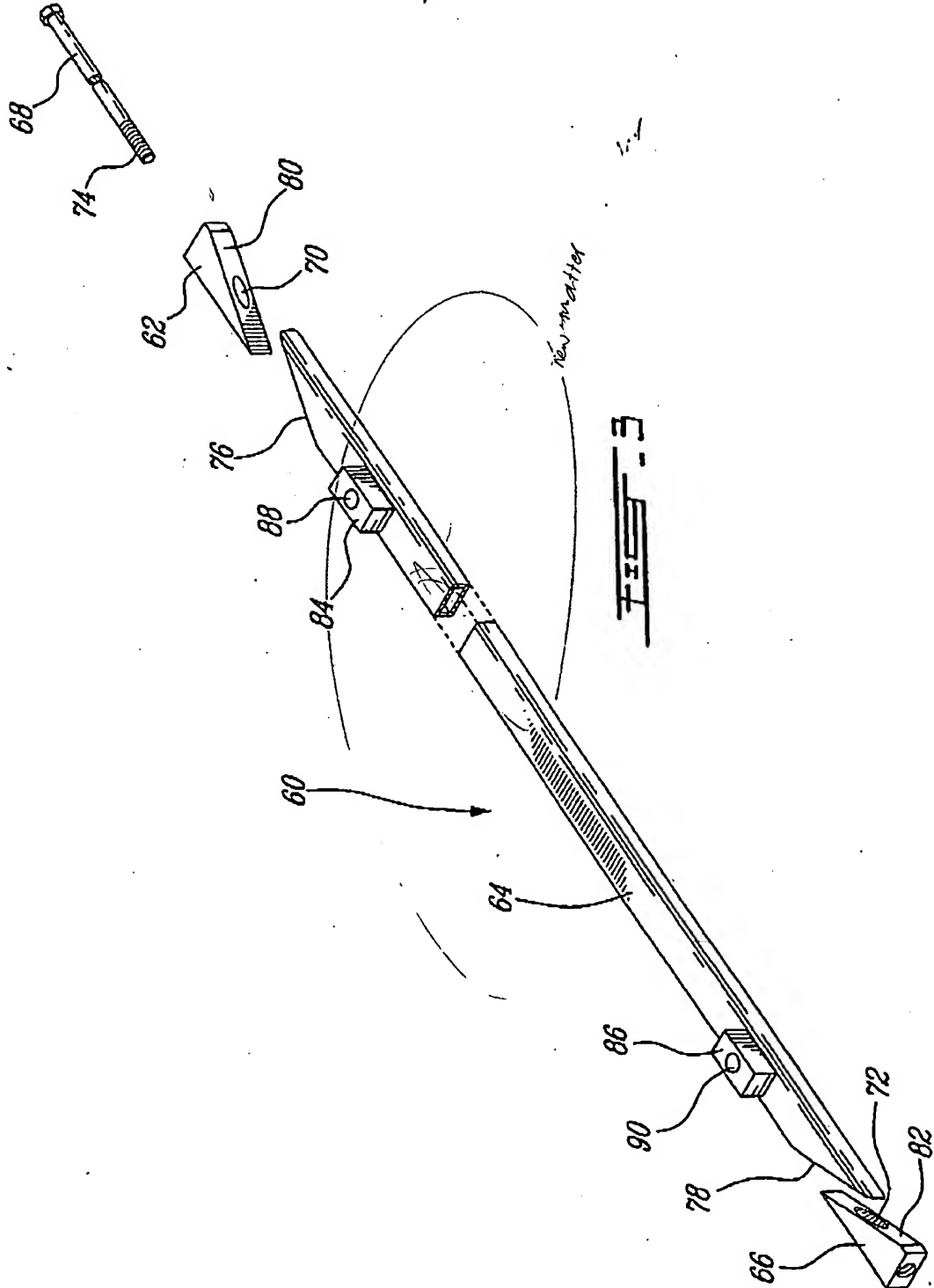
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